## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A stimulating light cut filter which is disposed between a radiation image convertor panel, which emits stimulated emission upon exposure to stimulating light beam, and a detecting ~~means~~circuit, which detects the stimulated emission emitted from the radiation image convertor panel, to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light and comprises an optical element which absorbs the stimulating light, and a reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light,

wherein the reflective layer is formed on the optical element which absorbs the stimulating light.

2. (currently amended): ~~A stimulating light cut filter as defined in claim 1 in which~~ A stimulating light cut filter which is disposed between a radiation image convertor panel, which emits stimulated emission upon exposure to stimulating light beam, and a detecting circuit, which detects the stimulated emission emitted from the radiation image convertor panel, to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light and comprises at least one optical element which absorbs the stimulating light, and at least one reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light,

wherein at least one of the reflecting ~~layer~~ layer(s) is disposed in an optical path of the stimulated emission along which the stimulated emission propagates behind a face of the optical element upon which the stimulated emission impinges first in the optical ~~elements~~ element(s) of the stimulating light cut filter.

3. (currently amended): ~~A stimulating light cut filter as defined in claim 1 in which~~ A stimulating light cut filter which is disposed between a radiation image convertor panel, which emits stimulated emission upon exposure to stimulating light beam, and a detecting circuit, which detects the stimulated emission emitted from the radiation image convertor panel, to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light and comprises an optical element which absorbs the stimulating light, and a reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light,

wherein the transmissivity of the optical path of the stimulated emission between the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the stimulating light cut filter and the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the reflecting layer is not higher than 10%.

4. (currently amended): ~~A stimulating light cut filter as defined in claim 1 in which~~ A stimulating light cut filter which is disposed between a radiation image convertor panel, which emits stimulated emission upon exposure to stimulating light beam, and a detecting circuit, which detects the stimulated emission emitted from the radiation image convertor panel, to

transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light and comprises an optical element which absorbs the stimulating light, and a reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light,

wherein the stimulating light cut filter is provided with a plurality of the reflecting layers, and the transmissivity between the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the stimulating light cut filter and the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the reflecting layer is not higher than 10%, and the transmissivities between adjacent reflecting layers are all 10% or less.

5. (currently amended): A stimulating light cut filter which is disposed between a radiation image convertor panel, which emits stimulated emission upon exposure to stimulating light beam, and a detecting ~~means~~circuit, which detects the stimulated emission emitted from the radiation image convertor panel, to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light and comprises a plurality of optical elements which absorb the stimulating light, and at least one reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light.

6. (original): A stimulating light cut filter as defined in claim 5 in which the plurality of optical elements are bonded together by way of the reflecting layer.

7. (original): A stimulating light cut filter as defined in claim 5 in which at least one reflecting layer is disposed in an optical path of the stimulated emission along which the

stimulated emission propagates behind a face of the optical element upon which the stimulated emission impinges first in the optical elements of the stimulating light cut filter.

8. (original): A stimulating light cut filter as defined in claim 5 in which the transmissivity of the optical path of the stimulated emission between the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the stimulating light cut filter and the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the reflecting layer is not higher than 10%.

9. (original): A stimulating light cut filter as defined in claim 5 in which the stimulating light cut filter is provided with a plurality of the reflecting layers, and the transmissivity between the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the stimulating light cut filter and the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the reflecting layer is not higher than 10%, and the transmissivities between adjacent reflecting layers are all 10% or less.

10. (currently amended): A radiation image read-out apparatus which is provided with a detecting ~~means detecting~~circuit which detects stimulated emission emitted from a radiation image convertor panel upon exposure to a line-like stimulating light beam, and reads out a radiation image recorded on the radiation image convertor panel through an imaging optical system, wherein a stimulating light cut filter comprising an optical element which absorbs the stimulating light and a reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light is disposed between

the radiation image convertor panel and the detecting ~~means~~ circuit to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light, and

wherein the reflective layer is formed on a surface of the optical element which absorbs the stimulating light.

11. (currently amended): ~~A radiation image read-out apparatus as defined in claim 10 in which~~ A radiation image read-out apparatus which is provided with a detecting circuit which detects stimulated emission emitted from a radiation image convertor panel upon exposure to a line-like stimulating light beam, and reads out a radiation image recorded on the radiation image convertor panel through an imaging optical system, wherein a stimulating light cut filter comprising at least one optical element which absorbs the stimulating light and at least one reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light is disposed between the radiation image convertor panel and the detecting circuit to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light,

wherein at least one of the reflecting ~~layer~~ layer(s) of the stimulating light cut filter is disposed in an optical path of the stimulated emission along which the stimulated emission propagates behind a face of the optical element upon which the stimulated emission impinges first in the optical ~~elements~~ element(s) of the stimulating light cut filter.

12. (currently amended): ~~A radiation image read-out apparatus as defined in claim 10 in which~~ A radiation image read-out apparatus which is provided with a detecting circuit which

detects stimulated emission emitted from a radiation image convertor panel upon exposure to a line-like stimulating light beam, and reads out a radiation image recorded on the radiation image convertor panel through an imaging optical system, wherein a stimulating light cut filter comprising an optical element which absorbs the stimulating light and a reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light is disposed between the radiation image convertor panel and the detecting circuit to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light, and

wherein the transmissivity of the optical path of the stimulated emission between the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the stimulating light cut filter and the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the reflecting layer is not higher than 10%.

13. (currently amended): ~~A radiation image read-out apparatus as defined in claim 10 in which~~ A radiation image read-out apparatus which is provided with a detecting circuit which detects stimulated emission emitted from a radiation image convertor panel upon exposure to a line-like stimulating light beam, and reads out a radiation image recorded on the radiation image convertor panel through an imaging optical system, wherein a stimulating light cut filter comprising an optical element which absorbs the stimulating light and a reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light is disposed between the radiation image convertor panel and the detecting circuit to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light, and

wherein the stimulating light cut filter is provided with a plurality of the reflecting layers, and the transmissivity between the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon

the stimulating light cut filter and the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the reflecting layer is not higher than 10%, and the transmissivities between adjacent reflecting layers of the stimulating light cut filter are all 10% or less.

14. (currently amended): A radiation image read-out apparatus which is provided with a detecting ~~means detecting~~circuit which detects stimulated emission emitted from a radiation image convertor panel upon exposure to a line-like stimulating light beam and reads out a radiation image recorded on the radiation image convertor panel through an imaging optical system, wherein a stimulating light cut filter comprising a plurality of optical elements which absorb the stimulating light and at least one reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light is disposed between the radiation image convertor panel and the detecting ~~means~~ circuit to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light.

15. (original): A radiation image read-out apparatus as defined in claim 14 in which the plurality of optical elements of the stimulating light cut filter are bonded together by way of the reflecting layer.

16. (original): A radiation image read-out apparatus as defined in claim 14 in which at least one reflecting layer of the stimulating light cut filter is disposed in an optical path of the stimulated emission along which the stimulated emission propagates behind a face of the optical

element upon which the stimulated emission impinges first in the optical elements of the stimulating light cut filter.

17. (original): A radiation image read-out apparatus as defined in claim 14 in which the transmissivity of the optical path of the stimulated emission between the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the stimulating light cut filter and the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the reflecting layer is not higher than 10%.

18. (original): A radiation image read-out apparatus as defined in claim 14 in which the stimulating light cut filter is provided with a plurality of the reflecting layers, and the transmissivity between the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the stimulating light cut filter and the position in which the stimulated emission first impinges upon the reflecting layer is not higher than 10%, and the transmissivities between adjacent reflecting layers of the stimulating light cut filter are all 10% or less.

19. (new): A stimulating light cut filter which is disposed between a radiation image convertor panel, which emits stimulated emission upon exposure to stimulating light beam, and a detecting circuit, which detects the stimulated emission emitted from the radiation image convertor panel, to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light and comprises an optical element which absorbs the stimulating light, and a reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light,

wherein the reflective layer is disposed behind the optical element with respect to a propagation path of the stimulated emission.

20. (new): A radiation image read-out apparatus which is provided with a detecting circuit which detects stimulated emission emitted from a radiation image convertor panel upon exposure to a line-like stimulating light beam, and reads out a radiation image recorded on the radiation image convertor panel through an imaging optical system, wherein a stimulating light cut filter comprising an optical element which absorbs the stimulating light and a reflecting layer which reflects the stimulating light is disposed between the radiation image convertor panel and the detecting circuit to transmit the stimulated emission and cut the stimulating light, and

wherein the reflective layer is disposed behind the optical element with respect to a propagation path of the stimulated emission.